

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 5, and 6, are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

#### **Specification**

The Examiner objected to the specification as including informalities on page 3, last paragraph. In response, Applicants have amended page 3, last paragraph, to remove the informality.

#### **Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112**

The Examiner rejected claim 6 as indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 6 in a manner believed to overcome this rejection.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, to expedite prosecution of this application, applicants have amended claim 1 so as to include the subject matter of claim 4. Therefore, claim 1, together with dependent claims 2, 3, 5, and 6, should now be in condition for immediate allowance.

#### **Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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Respectfully submitted,

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